(phosphoric acid and ammonia) or as finished fertilizer i.e. DAP. The indigenous rock phosphate meets only about 5% of the total requirement of the phosphatic fertillser industry.

The entire requirement of potash is imported as there is no known commercially exploitable source of potash in the country. In regard to nitrogen, India is self-sufficient to a large extent. It is only in case of this nutrient that there is a scope for reducing dependence on imports. The new nitrogenous fertiliser units and expansion proposals during the Eighth Five Year Plan are steps in this direction.

Statement

Statement Showing Sector-wise Installed Capacity & Percentage Capacity Utilization

Fertilizer Nutrients	1989-90		1990-91		1991-92	
	Inst. Cap. ('000' MT)	Cap. Uti. (% age)	Inst. Cap. ('000' MT)	Cap. Uti. (% age)	Inst. Cap. ('000' MT)	Cap. Uti. (% age)
Nitrogen						
Public Sector	4332	66.7%	4332	66.3%	4376	69.0%
Co-op. Sector	1532	107.7%	1532	112.4%	1532	112.8%
Private Sector	2284	96.8%	2284	105.0%	2342	108.8%
Total:	8148	82.8%	8184	85.8%	8250	88.5%
Phosphate						
Public Sector	819	53.7%	819	62.4%	792	92.4%
Co-op. Sector	309	72.4%	309	75.4%	309	113.2%
Private Sector	1622	69.8%	1622	80.6%	1650	89.5%
Total:	2750	65.3%	2750	74.6%	2751	93.0%

Chemicals and Fertilizer Units in Gujarat

401. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of agencies working in Gujarat; District-wise, for selling chemicals and fertilisers till 31st January, 1993;

(b) the number of agencies working under the cooperative societies; and

(c) the details of the programmes launched by Government for making the distribution of chemicals and fertilizers more effective with a view to facilitate the firms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Government neither appoints nor maintains information regarding agents appointed by manufacturing units for selling chemcials and fertilisers.

(c) In the case of controlled fertilizers, the Government provides subsidy on transportation from the factory in case of indigenous fertilisers and from ports in case of imported fertilisers to the block levels. The Government have suggested to State Governments to dispense with the condition relating to issue of certificate of registration in respect of retail dealers whose stock of fertilisers does not exceed 10 tonnes at any given time. Further, Government have advised the State Governments to exempt the

dealers seeling fertilisers in small packages upto 5 kgs from obtaining certificate of registration. They have also been advised to allow sale of fertilsers through mobile van with certificate of registration.

Studies on Degradation of Values in the Armed Forces

402. CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Indian Express recently that the Defence Research Development Organisation had been asked to conduct studies to ascertain the reasons for the growing degradation of values fall in discipline and integrity in the Armed Forces;

(b) if so, when Government are expect to get the report from the DRDO; and

(c) the details of composition of the study group set up for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Defence Research & Development Organisation has not been asked to conduct studies as referred to in part (a) of the Question.

Acquisition of Hawk Jet Trainer Aircrafts

403. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to acquire Hawk jet trainer aircrafts for the Indian Air Force;

(b) whether the matter was discussed with the British Prime Minister during his recent visit to India;

(c) whether it is a fact that the French firms have offered better terms for supply of Alfa jets; and

(d) if so, whether Government are considering the French offer?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d) Government has obtained proposals for the acquisition of an Advanced Jet Trainer (AJT) from the two short-listed vendors viz. M/s. Dassault Aviation of France for Alpha jet and M/s. British Aerospace of UK for Hawk. An examination of the competing technical proposals is being finalised. Thereafter, Government approval will be solicited for initiating commercial negotiations. The subject came up for a brief mention during the discussions held by the British Prime Minister.

Seminar on Linkage Between Industry and Defence

404. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Seminar on "Greater Linkage between Industry and Defence" held recently in Delhi organised by the Confedration of Indian Industry for achieving self reliance; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the suggestions made at the seminar and what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Salient suggestions made at the seminar are the follwing:—

(i) A close co-operation should be established between defence and civil sector industry so that the latter's participation in defence production could be optimised.

(ii) There should be an increased transparency in notifying the requirement of the user so that